

GRANT OF LAND TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

FEBRUARY 27, 1895.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KRIBBS, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 8925.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8925), granting a township of land for the use of the Alabama State Normal College, having considered the same make the following report:

The Alabama State Normal College at Florence was established by an act of the legislature of Alabama, and has been maintained as a first-class institute and college, where pupils may acquire a thorough normal-school education. It has now an attendance of 300 students, which, with the requested assistance, could be increased to between 500 and 1,000.

The college has been the means of educating hundreds of young persons, who have not only been benefited themselves by this opportunity for their education, but are devoting themselves to the profession of teaching, and assisting in promoting and improving the efficiency of the schools of the State. The curriculum is of a very high grade. The establishment and maintenance by the State of a college of this character is deserving of the highest commendation, and where a grant, as here requested, that does not require the appropriation of any money, nor of anything that will avail to produce money for the Treasury, will contribute so much to encourage as well as materially benefit the institution, it ought to be made.

Your committee recommend that the bill, without amendment, do pass.